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: OUTPUT BUFFER HAVING INHERENTLY PRECISE DATA MASKING

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification:

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field" as follows:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a reissue of United States Patent No. 5,983,314, issued November 9, 1999. More than one reissue application has been filed for the reissue of Patent No. 5,983,314. The reissue applications are application numbers 10/006,785 and 10/460,813. Application No. 10/460,813 is a divisional reissue application of Application No. 10/006,785. --